

I am opposed to the use of cell phones on airplanes. While I do not believe that these devices pose an electronic safety hazard, or at least not one that cannot be overcome, they do pose both a safety issue and public nuisance in use. With people talking loudly on their phones, it will be almost impossible to hear announcements from flight attendants and pilots. If passengers are asked to perform some function (or not get up or whatever), these talkers will undoubtedly be in their own zone and miss this entirely. That poses a safety hazard to at least nearby passengers.

Beyond the safety question, where is it written that all forms of expression in all environments are some kind of right. On the other hand, I do believe I have the right to engage in interstate transportation without being subjected to undue invasion of my personal space by others. If loud phone calls become allowable, why not boom boxes, movies with open sound, and so forth.